MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He was not asked whether he could undertake the scheme, but he was consulted in the matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was he of opinion that he could undertake the scheme?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer said something of the kind. But the Electrical Engineer did not express any opinion in the matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was he of opinion that he could not undertake the work?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He did not say that either. That point was not referred to him.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Am I to understand that this matter was not referred to the Electrical Engineer?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He was only consulted in that matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it was to encourage private agencies that a scheme was allowed to be started by a private individual?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer says that.

Reconstruction of the Suppan Chetty Bridge across the Harihara Nadi in Shencotta.

357. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the old bridge across the Harihara Nadi in the Shencotta taluk, popularly known as "Suppan Chetty Bridge" was recently dismantled by the Public Works Department and reconstructed by that Department;

(*b*) the points of superiority of the reconstructed bridge over the old one;

(*c*) the total amount of money spent on the reconstruction of this bridge; and

(*d*) whether the old designation of the above bridge has since been altered in any way by the P. W. D. or by the Government?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The new bridge is straight in alignment with the road, broader and of larger ventway and is capable of carrying all floods that formerly breached the embankment forming the northern approach frequently.

(*c*) About Rs. 16,000. The accounts have not been finally closed.

(*d*) No.

Anchal-Meenkulam Road.

358. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state when the Anchal-Meenkulam road, otherwise called the Alencherry-Meenkulam road, will be taken over by the P. W. D. for maintenance?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The road will be taken over for maintenance as soon as the lands through which the road passes are acquired and taken possession of by the P. W. D.

Utilisation of water under the Parali Catchment for irrigational purposes.

359. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether water under the Parali Catchment is fully utilised for irrigational purposes; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the percentage of the water under the said Catchment utilised for irrigational purposes at present (15-4-1930)?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether any P. W. D. Officer of the State past or present made any proposal for the conservation of such water for the benefit of the ryots of South Travancore?

(3) If the answer to part (2) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay on the table an abstract of such proposals mentioned above?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) No.

(*b*) About 75 per cent.

(2) Yes.

(3) An abstract* is laid on the table.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): പറളി ക്യാച്ച്മെൻറിൽ ഇന്നറിഞ്ഞ ൬൭ ശതമാനവും വെള്ളം ഇപ്പോൾ ഇറിഗേഷന് ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതായിട്ടാണ് കാണുന്നത്. ഇത് ൪൦ ചതുരശ്രമയിൽസിനകത്തുള്ള മഴവെള്ളം ഉൾപ്പെടയോ, അതല്ല കെട്ടിനില്ക്കുന്ന വെള്ളം മാത്രമോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): മഴവെള്ളവും കെട്ടിനില്ക്കുന്ന വെള്ളവും ക്രൂടിചേന്നാണ്.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഫ്ലഡ് കമ്മീഷൻ റിപ്പോർട്ട് വന്നതായിട്ട് കാണുന്നുണ്ട്. സമീപകാലത്തു ഡിവിഷൻ ആഫീസർ ഏതെങ്കിലും റിപ്പോർട്ട് അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): ഈയിടെ അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി റിക്കാർഡിൽ കാണുന്നില്ല.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അന്വേഷണം നടത്താൻ ഡിവിഷൻ ആഫീസരോട് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): ഒരിക്കൽ ആലോചിച്ചു വേണ്ടാ എന്ന ഗവണ്മെൻറ് തീർച്ചപെടുത്തി. അതിനശേ

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